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1. KING FAISAL UNIVERSITY IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING THREE
ALTERNATIVES FOR A TEACHING HOSPITAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH
ITS NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL:

A. CONVERTING AND EQUIPING AN EXISTING BUILDING AT UNIVERSITY
SITE.

B. BUILDING A NEW FACILITY (PRE-FAB) AT UNIVERSITY SITE.

C. TAKING OVER AND OPEATING A HOSPITAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION
(COMPLETION DATE - 7/79) AT ALKHOBAR BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH
AS PART OF FIVE HOSPITAL PROJECT FOR KINGDOM.

THE REFERENCED EQUIPMENT TENDER AT KING FAISAL UNIVERSITY
IS FOR OPTION A ABOVE AND MAY NOW BE MOOT. DISCUSSION WITH
U.S. CONSULTANT AFFILIATED WITH UNIVERSITY INDICATES EXISTING
BUILDING NO LONGER VIEWED AS ADEQUATE - THUS INVESTIGATION
OF OPTIONS B AND C.

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2. THE PROVATE TURNKEY PROJECT (AL-SHAFAI HOSPITAL
IS CORRECT SPELLING) AT DAMMMAM IS FOR A 350 BED HOSPITAL
WITH SIX OPERATING ROOMS AND AN OUTPATIENT CLINIC
COMPRING A TOTAL AREA OF 30,000 SQUARE METERS. THE
DESIGN IS COMPLETE AND WAS DONE BY AN EGYPTIAN ENGINEER,
HUSSAIN HIJAZI. FOUNDATION WORK IS UNDERWAY FOR AN OUTPATIENT
CLINIC WHICH IS TO BE COMPLETED FIRST AS A PILOT PROJECT.

RESIDENT ENGINEER CLAIMS SEVERAL BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SNBM SAUDI ARABIA, GERMANY, AND U.S. FIRMS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT ALTHOUGH NOT PUBLIC REQUEST FOR BIDS WAS EVER MADE. THE OWNER, SAUD AL-SHAFI, IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN A TURNKEY CONTRACTOR WHO WILL ALSO PROVIDE FINANCING IN RETURN FOR NET PROFITS OF HOSPITAL FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS (WITH NO EQUITY IN SAME). AL-SHAFI IS ALSO WILLING TO PROVIDE FINANCING IF NECESSARY.

A WTDR WAS SUBMITTED 6/15/76, DHAHRAN 0785, ON SAUD AL-SHAFI (ADBA AL-SHAFI). ALTHOUGH OUT-OF-DATE, WTDR INFO IS VIRTUALLY CORRECT.

RESPONSIBLE CONTACTS FOR AL-SHAFI HOSPITAL PROJECT INCLUDE:

OWNER: SAUD AL-SHAFI
DESIGN ENGINEER: HUSSAIN HIJAZI
RESIDENT ENGINEER: M. HUSSAIN HIJAZI
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